

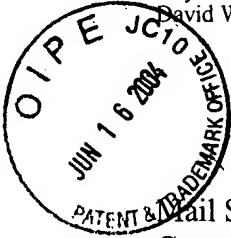
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SUBJECT: Applicant: Ashton et al.
 Serial No: 10/676,556
 Filed: October 1, 2003
 For: UPPER BUNDLE STEAM GENERATOR CLEANING,
 INSPECTION, AND REPAIR SYSTEM
 Group: 3749
 Docket No: FM-245J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004 in the subject application. Also enclosed are a copy of Information Disclosure Citation in an Application which was filed on April 7, 2004 along with copies of twenty three (23) references, copies of the previously filed transmittal letter and a copy of the stamped post card from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of that Information Disclosure Citation that was filed on April 7, 2004.

Further enclosed is an English translation of the Abstract of JP 5-5292. The Japanese version of this reference was previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Citation in an Application filed on April 7, 2004 (and another copy of the Japanese version is also enclosed herewith). Because the applicants are now only submitting an English translation of this previously cited reference, the applicants submit that no additional fee is due.

However, if any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,




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